(c) The requ'site information is given below: —

	(Rs. in crores)	
	A C / *mount of ontract*	*{mount of coihp/eted*
New Ghat Airport Project, Libya	82.28	79 80
Brak Phase-I, Libya	31 72	21.71
Brak Phase-IT, Libya	54 50	40.95
Alj>aidha Airport (S. Yemen)	28 57	28.57
Riyan Airport (S. Yemen)	18.00	26.8_5
Hulule Airport, Maldives	8.95	$10\ 3_2$

Construction Contracts abroad by RITES and IRCON

987. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rail India Technical and Economic Services and Indian Railway Construction Company—the two Public Sector Companies under the Department of Railways are engaged in construction contracts abroad;

(b) the number of overseas contracts received by the companies during the last two years, and the names of the countries involved; and

(c) whether it is a fact 'hat the two Indian Companies are now facing stiff competition from other contending parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited (RITES) Is engaged in providing consultancy services whereas Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd. (IRCON) undertakes Construction contracts both in India and abroad.

(b)

	No of overseas contracts secured during last 2 years	Countries
RITES	9	Algeria, Zambia, Zimbabawe, Ghana, Mozambique, Jordan Sii'i ka Ethiopia.
IRCON	6	Nepal, Bangladesh, Jordan. Iraq.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Building of Indira Gandhi Open University

988. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will Ihe Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pieased to state;

(a) what is the progress in the construction of building of the Indira Gandhi Open University whose foundation stone was laid by the Prime Minister on the 19th November, 1985;

(b) whether it **is** a fact that the land allotted for this University is agricultural and its use has not yet been approved by the D.D.A.; and

(c) if so, what is the reactior of Government thereon and by when the building is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The programme of construction of building of the Indira Gandhi National Open University bas not yet started.

(b) and (c) According to the University, the use of the land in question was 'agricultural green' as per Master Plan of Delhi, 1962, and 'Recreational' as per Perspective Draft Plan, 2001. The University had applied for a change in land use to the DDA in March, 1986. The DDA has not so far communicated i*s decision on the change in land use. The building programme will be taken up *hy*